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REMARKS

This amendment and response is submitted in response to the Notice to Comply to more distinctly indicate the removal of the semicolon in claims 247, 263, 281 and 299. Claim 267 has been amended to clearly indicate removal of the comma.

The phrase "the group consisting of " has been added back to claim 278 since it appears that claim 278 had been amended in the amendment submitted August 16, 1999. This phrase was inadvertently omitted in subsequent amendments.

The identifiers of claims 246, 248, 249, 250, 251, 253, 254, 255, 260, 261, 262, 264, 265, 266, 277, 279, 280, 282, 283, 291, 294, 295, 297, 298, 300 and 301 have been changed to read ("original") since these claims were submitted concurrently with the application and have not been amended.

It is Applicants position that the claims are in condition for further examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (914) 712-0093 if there are any questions regarding this amendment or application.

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